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1 Prosecutors unveiled criminal charges accusing three men of running a sprawling array of hacking and fraud schemes, including a huge 2014 attack against JPMorgan Chase & Co., that generated hundreds of millions of dollars of illegal profits. Gery Shalon, Joshua Samuel Aaron and Ziv Orenstein were charged in a 23-count indictment over alleged crimes. REUTERS

DEFENSE BILL PASSED

2 The Senate overwhelmingly passed a sweeping defense policy bill that contains provisions that could make it more difficult for President Obama to close the controversial detention center at Guantanamo Bay. The vote was 91-3 in favor of the measure, which authorizes more than $600 billion in defense spending and includes $5 billion in cuts not in an earlier version of the bill. Congressional aides said they expect Obama will sign the revised bill, even with the Guantanamo restrictions, even though he vetoed the previous version. REUTERS

43 CHIPOTLES TO REOPEN

3 Chipotle said it would reopen all 43 restaurants in Seattle and Portland after health officials found no evidence of E. coli bacteria at those outlets. The company had closed the restaurants Oct. 31 after health officials linked 11 Chipotle outlets to some cases of food poisoning caused by the bacteria. REUTERS

MARINE CORPS CELEBRATION

7 Members of the Leathernecks Motorcycle Club take the oath to be inducted as full members at the annual Marine Corps birthday celebration at Cookie's Tavern on Oregon Ave. in South Philadelphia on Tuesday.

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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CARTER TREATMENT

4 Former President Jimmy Carter is responding well to cancer treatment and there is no evidence of new malignancy, CNN reported Tuesday, citing the Carter Center. Carter, 91, started treatment in August after he said he had undergone surgery for liver cancer and that the cancer had spread to his brain. REUTERS

BEER MERGER BREWING

5 Molson Coors Brewing is nearing a deal to buy the rest of its U.S. joint venture with SABMiller, as well as the rights to Miller brands internationally, for $12 billion, according to a person familiar with the matter. The person said the deal would be contingent on the closing of a proposed merger between Anheuser-Busch InBev and SABMiller that would create a company making almost a third of the world's beer. To win over regulators, the combination would almost certainly have to divest assets in the United States and other markets. REUTERS

CAMPUS RACE PROTESTS

6 Students are holding events designed to bring attention to racial issues on a handful of U.S. college campuses this week, spurred by the impact of protests at the University of Missouri, which culminated in the resignation of the school's president and chancellor Monday. REUTERS

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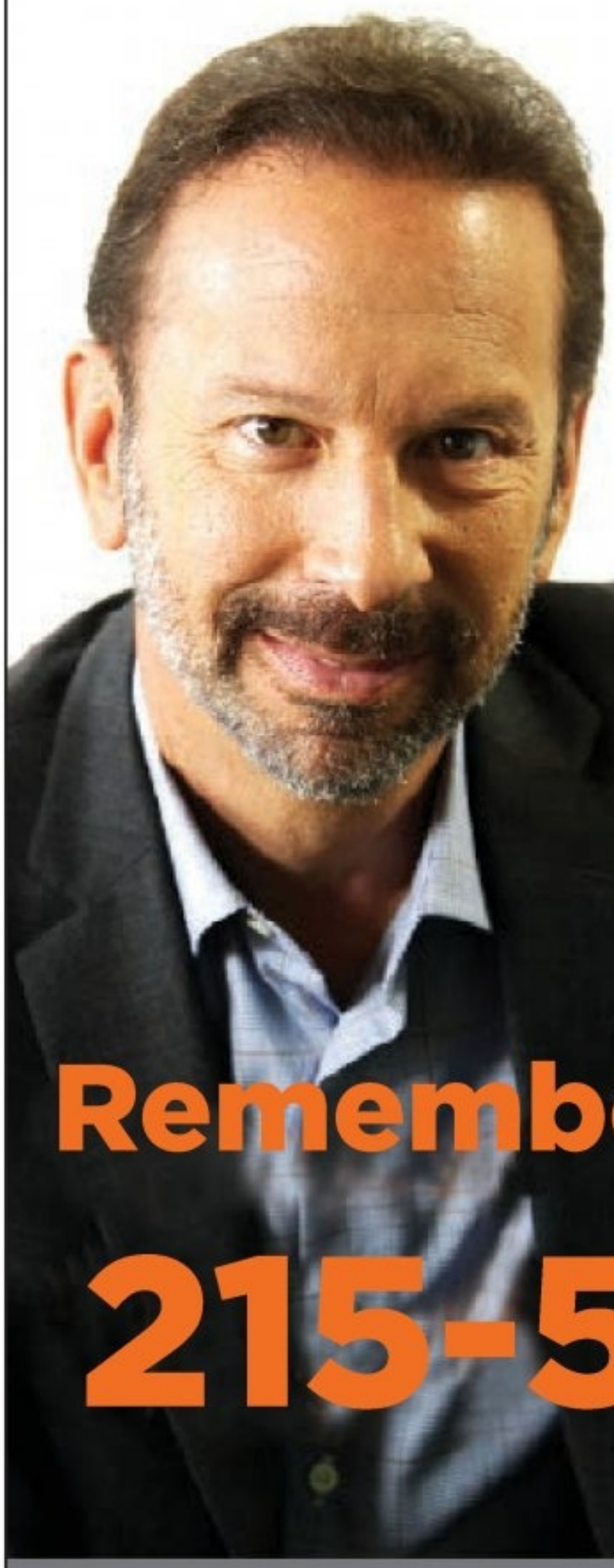

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Blatsein shuffles Atlantic City

Philly developer's plan could breathe new life into struggling city.

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Philadelphia real estate developer Bart Blatstein isn't exactly certain why everybody thought he would be running The Playground at Caesar's on the Atlantic City boardwalk.

Sure, Blatstein and Steelman Partners built The Playground up and out from its former failed prospect (the Pier Shops). He turned its once-desolate aisles and empty storefronts into a multi-venue music walk, the sleek T Street, which opened in June 2015 with Jose Garces Events providing food and beverage for each of its venues and Bonfire Entertainment providing acts for its main room, 39N.

"Usually, it would take eight to 12 months to get leases together for retail tenants and build out spaces, to say nothing of the two years to do a restaurant," says Blatstein. "Me, I did everything in two months because I didn't feel like waiting."

That was then. Now, it's time at The Playground for Blatstein to do what he does best — be a landlord.

"I never intended to stay there and run things. It's just like what I did with the Piazza in Northern Liberties. I developed it, opened a few spaces, then brought other businesses to do it themselves. Same thing with The Playground. I'm a landlord — a glorified landlord, maybe — but I wanted to go in there and get things started so people could get an idea of how it could work."

Bonfire left before summer's end. Garces — a friend of Blatstein's who Bart asked to help — left when its contract expired on Mischief Night.

The Playground at Caesar's. HUGHE DILLON

"The term of Garces Events' agreement to manage food and beverage operations at The Playground ended on October 30, but we thank Pier Revival and Bart for the opportunity to be a part of the start of a great project," wrote Garces Group VP of Operations, Events & Catering Aaron Kleinle.

"That was always the goal at the Playground," says Blatstein. "It was always about transitioning. We wanted good tenants, and now we have them. That's always better than one operator — trust me — because you'll have different personalities."

For Playground spaces such as Monkey Bar, Purdy's, 1921 and Tag, an operator is in place, but Blatstein can't announce them yet. For 39N, Riviera's beer garden and Bo's dueling piano bar, Brian Nagele and Brian Pugh — operators of King's Oak and North Shore Beach Club near the Piazza — will take over with a planned New Year's Eve party at The Playground in the works (neither responded to requests for comment). "Everything is going great there," says Blatstein.

The same thing can be said of his other Atlantic City purchase, the Showboat Casino Hotel, which Stockton University sold to Tower Investments Inc. (headed by CEO Blatstein) for $23 million. The deal was supposed to go through Nov. 9, but delays until January will give both parties tax advantages.

"I'm weighing the options for the Showboat now," says Blatstein, alluding to both its casino and non-casino possibilities, as well as all of its' dwelling aspects.

For now, the still-struggling Jersey Shore city, which saw a bill that would have brought $33 million in revenue vetoed Monday by Gov. Chris Christie, needs every investment dollar it can get.

"Atlantic City is a developer's dream for non-gaming attractions," says Jeff Guaracino, executive director for the nonprofit destination marketing Atlantic City Alliance. "Bart's a passionate AC booster; a developer with vision who knows how to find a good deal."

7 Things You Must Know Before Putting Your Home Up for Sale

Philadelphia - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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BRIEF

Coach sentenced under Pennsylvania law barring sex with students

A Pennsylvania high school rowing coach was sentenced Tuesday to serve up to 23 months in prison for her consensual sexual relationship with an 18-year-old student, prosecutors said.

Megan Batykefer, 32, who coached at North Allegheny Senior High School in the Pittsburgh suburb of Wexford, was found guilty in August of sexual assault by a jury at the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

In addition to prison time, Batykefer was sentenced to three years' probation.

Batykefer is being allowed to remain free on bond pending a planned appeal by her attorney, the Allegheny County district attorney's office said.

She became romantically involved with the student she had been coaching at the high school and had a sexual relationship with him in 2014, according to court papers.

While the legal age for consenting to sex is 16 in Pennsylvania, a 2012 law allows felony charges of institutional sexual assault to be filed against teachers who have sex with students of any age. METRO

Megan Batykefer PROVIDED

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Jerri Williams CHARLES MOSTOLLER

SEPTA spox turns to crime fiction

FBI agent turned transit spokeswoman now will become crime author.

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For years, she's been the woman reporters turn to for aid with their SEPTA-related stories.

Now, she'll be providing readers with her own written words — of the crime-fiction genre persuasion.

"It is based on a real FBI investigation," said SEPTA director of communications Jerri Williams, 58, a former FBI agent, of her novel "Pay to Play."

"Ten to 20 percent of it is real, and the rest is all my imagination."

Williams, who has served at SEPTA for seven years, will leave her job at SEPTA on Nov. 25.

She has an agent for the book she spent about four years writing, and is now going to focus on getting it into the hands of a publisher.

PR copy for "Pay to Play" reads, "When a female FBI agent investigating corruption in the Philadelphia strip club industry is blackmailed by a one-night stand she picks up in one of the clubs, how far will she go to stop him from destroying her career … and her marriage?"

Williams, who counts Dennis Lehane, Gillian Flynn and Tom Wolfe among her favorite writers, said she was inspired by the work of her fellow agents.

"There were two friends of mine, female FBI agents working this case in the late '90s and early 2000s that involved an L&I inspector and strip clubs," Williams said. "I was just fascinated that these two young ladies were going in and out of strip clubs meeting strippers, strip club owners. I was listening to their stories, and I said, 'This is a book.'"

Williams is already working on her next book. But she said she will miss SEPTA — even though she rated it as being about as stressful as FBI work, where she worked on economic crimes for 26 years.

"I absolutely love this job," she said. "It's nonstop. It really is similar to the FBI, but I get more cases."

State budget impasse hits nonprofit workers

Gov. Wolf visits Kensington Health Science Academy this year. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Nonprofit employees have seen layoffs and benefit cuts.

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More than 1,200 workers at nonprofits have lost pay, benefits or their jobs because of the state budget impasse, according to a report from the United Way of Pennsylvania.

The GOP-dominated state legislature has been at odds with Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf since missing a deadline to pass a budget by June 30.

The stalemate has left charities that provide services to children, low-income families and people with disabilities scrambling to pay for services they perform under state government contracts.

According to the United Way's survey, 45 full-time and 50 part-time workers have been laid off or furloughed. More than 520 workers have had their hours reduced, 73 are working without pay and 510 have lost access to employee benefits.

The organization surveyed 282 charities that serve more than 200,000 Pennsylvanians, but its findings may understate the depth of cutbacks because that represents just a fraction of the social service agencies across the state.

According to the study, more than 40 agencies will be forced to make cutbacks if a deal isn't reached by the end of December.

Leaders of social service agencies across the state have said they've been forced to borrow money from banks to keep their organizations running. Most agencies expect to be reimbursed for the services they provide, but they worry that borrowing could put strain on their organization because interest costs may not be paid by the state.

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WORKERS AFFECTED

Relief may not be far away.

Wolf and GOP leaders Monday signaled they are close to a budget deal that includes a sales tax increase. The deal also included provisions for property tax relief and increased cash for schools, PennLive reported.

Legislative leaders to PennLive that a vote on the deal is weeks away.

BRIEF

Teacher banned from elementary school for allegedly spying on woman

A Fox Chapel Area School District teacher has been banned from school property following his arrest for taking photos of a naked woman without consent after he was caught spying through her bedroom window from a ladder.

O'Hara Township police arrested 51-year-old James Hart, a teacher at Kerr Elementary School, reports say.

When the victim confronted Hart, he allegedly said, "I don't know what I was doing. I'm very sorry," according to the criminal complaint.

The report also claimed the victim told police Hart allegedly put a spy camera in her bedroom two years ago.

Fox Chapel Area School District spokeswoman Bonnie Berzonski told WXPI News the allegations are not related to any students in the district, and Hart has been barred from school property since August.

James Hart PROVIDED

Attempts to reach Hart or his attorney, Michael Santicola, were unsuccessful, TribLive reported, adding that Hart is awaiting trial Feb. 22 in Allegheny County. METRO

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BRIEF

Accomplice in Philly cop killing gets 20-40 years

A man who had pleaded guilty and testified against his partner in crime in the slaying of an off-duty cop was sentenced Tuesday to 20 to 40 years in prison.

Chancier McFarland was one of two suspects arrested for the killing of Officer Moses Walker, who was targeted for a robbery while walking to public transit after he had finished an overnight shift as a turnkey at the 22nd District on the morning of Aug. 18, 2012.

Chancier McFarland PPD

McFarland told investigators he and accomplice Rafael Jones didn't know Walker was a cop. They thought he was a Temple University student who would have been easy pickings. Jones shot Walker when the off-duty cop reached for a gun.

Jones was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. McFarland's testimony spared him that sentence in a negotiated plea deal.

Moses Walker PPD

A graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Walker entered the police academy in March of 1993 at the age of 21 and was assigned to the 22nd District, where his uncle also serves as a lieutenant, a year later.

"He was known by both his fellow officers and the residents he served as a courteous, polite and humble man," said an obituary posted on the police department's website.

Walker was an active member of Deliverance Evangelistic Church on the 2000 block of Lehigh Avenue in North Philadelphia. The police obituary describes him as "an optimistic man who always saw the good in people."

McFarland pleaded guilty to third-degree murder, testified against Jones and is serving 20 to 40 years in prison. METRO

'Something snapped' for necrophilia killer

Stepfather goes on trial for killing Allentown mom.

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The trial began Tuesday for the man who murdered his daughter-in-law so he could videotape himself having sex with her corpse.

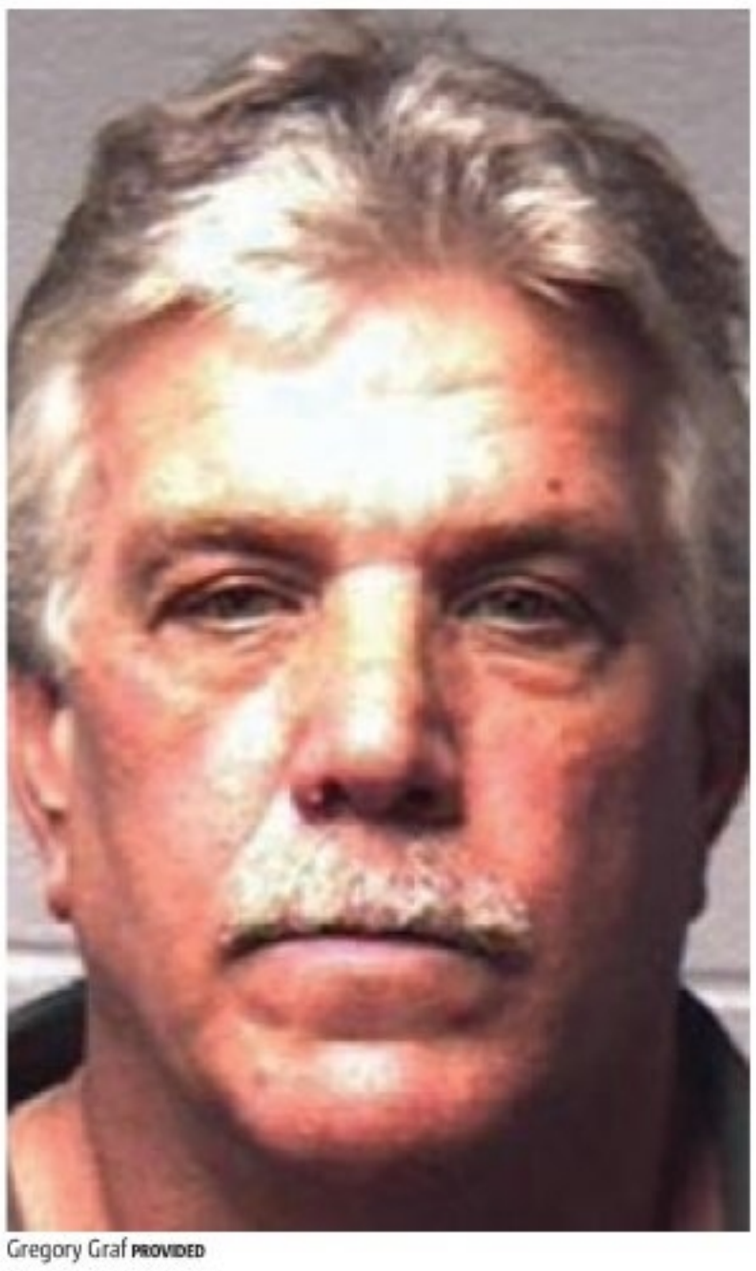
Gregory Graf, 54, is charged with first-degree murder — and even his own lawyer does not deny that he murdered 33-year-old Allentown mom Jessica Padgett and then had sex with her body.

Philly defense lawyer Jack McMahon, who traveled up to Northampton County to deliver opening statements, admitted in his opening statements that Graf killed Padgett, the Morning Call reported.

However, he is arguing that the crime was not premeditated and only merits a third-degree murder conviction.

"Something snapped in this good man's mind on that date," McMahon said, according to the Morning Call.

Padgett, a beloved daycare worker from Whitehall, Pa., outside Allentown, disappeared Nov. 21, 2014.



Gregory Graf PROVIDED

"Something snapped in this good man's mind on that date."

McMahon

Friends and authorities searched for days for Padgett before her body was discovered on Graf's property.

Padgett told coworkers at Duck Duck Goose daycare she was leaving to send a fax from her father-in-law's home Nov. 21. Graf was married to Padgett's mother..

According to the Morning Call, witnesses at the trial said Graf called Padgett repeatedly, insisting she come over immediately to help him with his computer.

After she arrived, he shot her in the head at point-blank range with a handgun.

Prosecutors contended the crime was premeditated and that necrophilia was the motive for the murder.

Hours after shooting Padgett, he reportedly put a plastic bag over her head, and then used two video cameras to film himself after having sex with her body.

Jurors will be required to view the footage Graf shot during the trial. Potential jurors were told in advance that they should not agree to serve if they could not bear to watch the video.

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Detained US citizen John Hamen died in Yemen

The State Department on Tuesday said U.S. citizen John Hamen, one of two contractors who had been detained by Iran-backed Houthi militia in Yemen, has died.

The United Nations said earlier this month two contractors who worked for a firm that managed U.N. facilities had been detained in Yemen's capital, Sanaa. The two had been detained upon arriving from Djibouti, the United Nations said, by Houthi militia and army units loyal to Yemen's former president.

Hamen's LinkedIn professional page lists his occupation as "diplomatic support" and described his previous employers as the U.S. Special Operations Command, the U.S. Army, and the Joint Communications Support Element.

John Hamen FACEBOOK

Hamen, of Chesapeake, Va., was remembered on his Facebook page as a father of seven and "the best Dad ever." REUTERS

BRIEFS

Iran has stopped dismantling nuclear centrifuges, says official

Iran has stopped dismantling centrifuges in two uranium-enrichment plants, state media reported Tuesday, days after conservative lawmakers complained to President Hassan Rouhani the process was too rushed.

Last week, Iran announced it had begun shutting down inactive centrifuges at the Natanz and Fordow plants under terms of a deal struck with world powers in July that limits its nuclear program in exchange for easing sanctions.

Iran's hardliners continue to resist and undermine the nuclear deal, which was forged by moderates they oppose and which they see as a capitulation to the West.

"The [dismantling] process stopped with a warning," Ali Shamkhani, secretary of the National Security Council said.

Only decommissioned centrifuges were being dismantled to begin with, of which there were about 10,000 at Natanz and Fordow, the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran has said.

REUTERS

Clinton says would not support war declaration against ISIS

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton said Tuesday she was not ready to support a formal declaration of war against Islamic State militants, although she said the United States needs to improve its efforts to fight the group.

To have a declaration of war, she said, requires understanding the resources available and the goals involved.

"If you have a declaration of war, you'd better have a budget that backs it up," said Clinton, who was campaigning in New Hampshire.

"I do think that we have to do a better job of understanding the threat that is posed by radical Islamic jihadist groups," added Clinton, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 2016 presidential election.

Because Islamic State, or ISIS, is so diffuse across the Middle East, she said, a declaration of war might not be the right way to fight such a group, calling ISIS "the first Internet terrorist network."

Islamic State controls swaths of Iraq and Syria and is battling the Egyptian army in the Sinai Peninsula.

Clinton GETTY IMAGES

"If you have a declaration of war, you'd better have a budget that backs it up."

Clinton

The group has recently said it was responsible for the crash of a Russian airliner over Egypt's Sinai peninsula.

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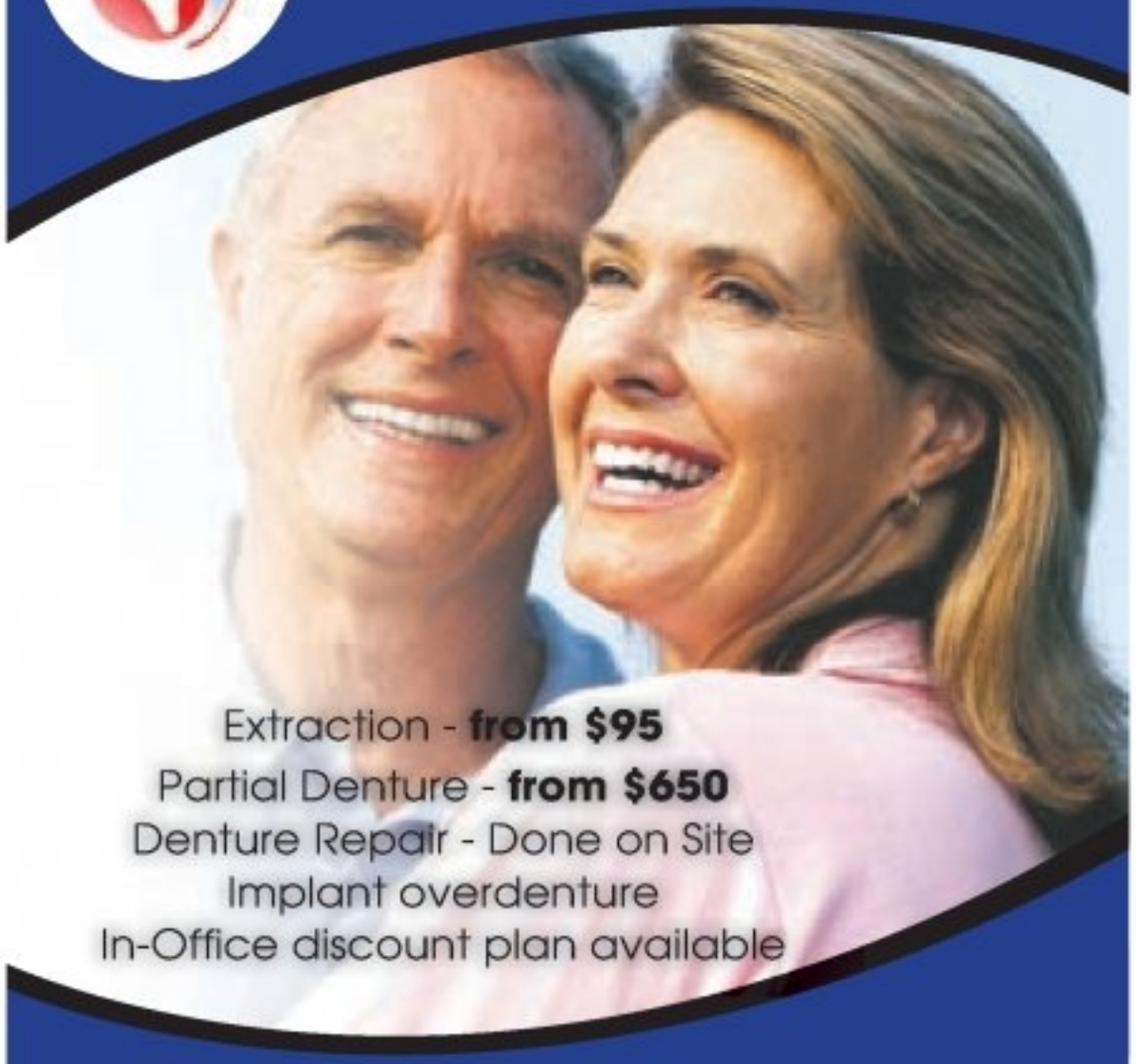

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Navy vet swimming the Mississippi River to honor fallen comrades

Averaging 6.5 hours in the water and 14 miles a day, Ring aims to reach the Mississippi River where it meets the Gulf of Mexico in early December.

Navy combat veteran Chris Ring says some people call him crazy for attempting to become the first American to swim the length of the Mississippi River.

But the 28-year-old Navy SEAL, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, says the extreme endeavor is worthwhile if it helps keep alive the memories of the country's fallen service members and the sacrifices of their families.

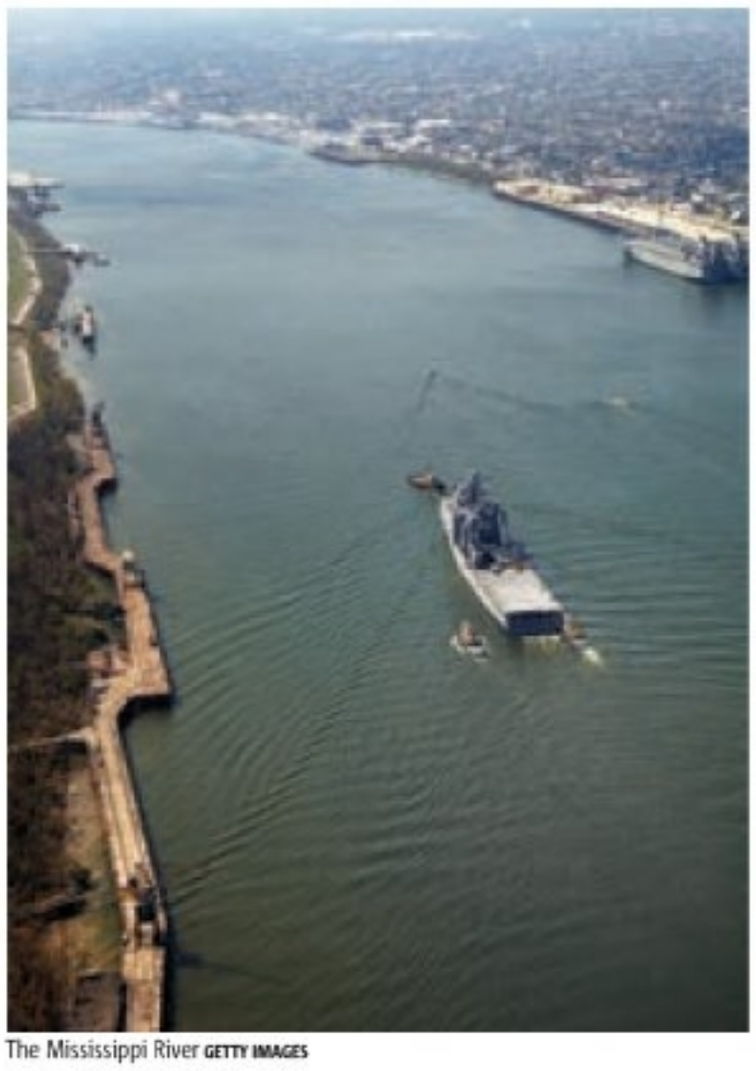
"We all have what we have today because of these families and their loved ones," Ring said last week after finishing a day's swim just south of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Ring said he pitched the idea of the swim to the Legacies Alive nonprofit organization after learning many Americans were unaware of what it meant to be a Gold Star family, the designation given to those whose loved ones were killed in combat.

He began the journey, which Legacies Alive said will cover 2,552 miles, at Lake Itasca in Minnesota on June 6, the anniversary of D-Day.

Ring has visited along the way with hundreds of people who lost family members to war and has encouraged them to sign the kayaks used by the team accompanying him.

At a recent stop, Jenny Smith of Brandon, Mississippi, added the name of her son, Marine Staff Sgt. Jason Rogers, to a boat. Rogers, 28, was killed by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan in 2011.



The Mississippi River GETTY IMAGES

Smith said she was encouraged by Ring's effort, noting she fears that families like hers will be forgotten.

"To be a part of a Gold Star family is something you don't ever want to be a part of, but you're so proud, too, because you're part of a group of people who understand and support you," Smith said.

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"To him, that sacrifice is nothing compared to what these families have gone through."
Smith

BRIEF

Man chains self atop slide in bid to save New Hampshire water park

The founder of an indebted New Hampshire water park has chained himself to the top of a 30-foot-high slide in a last ditch effort to keep his property from being sold at auction.

The man, Kevin Dumont, said Tuesday we would remain atop the slide at Liquid Planet Water Park 24 hours a day until he found investors to back the venture, which is $1.5 million in debt.

"I'm trying find a way to let them know this is a great family-run business," Dumont said in a phone interview as winds buffeted the tarp enclosure he had set up on the slide's platform. "I'm a veteran. My family and I are just trying to save my company."

A bank auction for the 44-acre site, which includes Dumont's home, is scheduled for Dec. 2. The bank foreclosed on the property after Dumont fell behind on loan payments.

The 8-year-old park is located in Candia, about 10 miles northeast of Manchester, New Hampshire's largest city.

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Partial view of mud-covered Paracatu de Baixo, buried by an avalanche of mud and mining sludge, in Minas Gerais, Brazil. GETTY IMAGES

Anger at burst dams in Brazil focuses on Vale, mining code

In five days of rescue efforts in towns ravaged by the massive mudflow, six bodies have been found and 22 people are still missing, making it one of the worst mining disasters in Brazil's history.

As despair turns to anger over a deadly dam burst at a Brazilian mine, lawmakers pushed Tuesday for tougher regulations in a new mining code, and iron ore giant Vale SA came under pressure to help mourning families and contain the environmental impact.

The tragedy in the mineral-rich southeastern state of Minas Gerais has displaced hundreds of residents, triggered investigations by prosecutors and spurred calls for stricter oversight of the mining industry, a huge provider of jobs and government tax receipts.

The chief sponsor of a new mining code in congress, Leonardo Quintão, told Reuters on Tuesday that he planned to add measures to tighten regulation of tailings dams like the two that collapsed Thursday.

Minas Gerais' governor, Fernando Pimentel, acknowledged state mining regulations are not enough and his aides said they may need to rethink their efforts to fast-track licensing.

Public criticism fell first on mine operator Samarco, but the spotlight has turned to the big names behind the 50-50 joint venture: Australia-based BHP Billiton Ltd., the world's largest mining company, and Brazilian partner Vale, the biggest iron ore miner.

"Samarco is just a name they made up. We need BHP and Vale to take responsibility for this tragedy," said Duarte Junior, mayor of the town of Mariana, who has coordinated relief efforts.

BHP's public response has been rapid but Vale, which accounted for more than 10 percent of Brazil's total exports in 2013, has so far appeared aloof.

BHP Chief Executive Andrew Mackenzie held a news conference in the hours following the disaster and the company announced he would travel to Brazil to survey the damage. It has also splashed almost daily updates on the tragedy in English and Portuguese across the top of its website.

By contrast, Vale released a five-sentence statement some 24 hours after the dams collapsed and referred questions to Samarco. Vale's chief executive, Murilo Ferreira, made an unannounced visit to Mariana on Saturday, which the company revealed two days later.

Mariana's mayor has worked closely with Samarco, but he said Monday that no senior executives from Vale or BHP Billiton had contacted him.

Influential columnist Miriam Leitao excoriated the company Tuesday for its "absolutely insufficient" response.

"Vale has been drilling and dumping around Minas Gerais for 70 years," Leitao wrote in newspaper O Globo. REUTERS

"After a disaster of this scale, it can't issue a laconic statement as if it weren't obliged to act immediately."

Leitao

3 Major social media players reveal their very first jobs

Everyone has to start somewhere. Find out where three successful entrepreneurs — all with a passion for giving back — got inspired to pursue business in a bigger way.

What does it mean to be a success? In the days of railroad barons and oil tycoons, it might have meant amassing the most cash possible. These days, the idea of true success has shifted toward the "social entrepreneur" — those who can create thriving enterprises while bringing about positive social change. Here's how a few of the world's top social entrepreneurs about how they got their start. REUTERS

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Scott Harrison

Founder, charity: Water, which brings safe drinking water to the developing world
First job: McDonald's

"I was around 15 in Flemington, New Jersey, and applied for the job cold. I ended up taking orders and working the takeout window for absolute minimum wage. They did sweeten the pot with free food, though, which for me usually meant Quarter Pounders with cheese. Once I volunteered to dress up as the Hamburglar to hand out coupons because you got paid time-and-a-half. It was a pretty ridiculous costume, with a hat so big that it was difficult to get through doors. I had to tilt my head to one side. I was so terrified of getting recognized by my friends."

Blake Mycoskie

Founder: TOMS, a retailer that provides shoes and other services to those in need, and author of "Start Something That Matters"
First job: Doing laundry

"I was going to Southern Methodist University in Dallas and injured my Achilles tendon playing tennis. I couldn't carry my laundry to the basement, so I looked in the Yellow Pages for a company that could do it for me and nothing like that existed. So I decided along with my college roommate to start a laundry service. We bought an old FedEx truck for $1,500. We were pretty successful, eventually expanding to six universities with 50 employees, and sold it after a few years. But I absolutely refuse to do laundry now. I did more laundry than you can ever imagine. At the time it really sucked, but like anything in life, you look back on it with nostalgia."

Jessica Jackley

Co-founder: Kiva, a microfinance site, and author of "Clay Water Brick"
First job: Art teacher

"I always had a passion for art. Where I grew up, in a suburb north of Pittsburgh, there was a little family-run art studio. So after 10th grade, I started teaching to kids as young as 3. What I took away from that job was the ability to teach: to be able to meet somebody where they are and walk them through something new. I am also pretty good at getting people inspired. I like to face a problem together and help them figure out where they want to go."

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'Voice' bosses already fretting a Gwen and Blake breakup

Workplace romances can be tricky, especially when that workplace is one of the top-rated shows on TV. Which is why the folks at "The Voice" want a contingency plan should the Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton's new relationship go south, according to Radar Online. "The studio bosses sat them down last week after they confirmed that they were dating to discuss the whole situation and what would happen in the event that they broke up. The execs even discussed adding a breakup clause to their contracts," a source says. "Gwen and Blake assured them that if it does not work out, they will break up on amicable terms because neither of them wants to jeopardize the show."

Oh, and also: "Gwen and Blake have been encouraged to play up their flirtation for the cameras during the show tapings." Because of course they have. Actually, you know what? Plans for how to deal with a potential breakup, instructions to play it up for the cameras? This all has my show-biz romance conspiracy nut brain going into overdrive. Is this whole thing maybe just a "Voice"-coordinated ruse? Because that would be mean.

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Glamour's Women of the Year Awards brings the wisdom

Glamour's Women of the Year featured honorees like Victoria Beckham, Misty Copeland and Caitlyn Jenner — plus a whole lot of inspiration:

1. Stick together. The recipients stressed the importance of being inspired by other women, not competing.

2. The times they are a-changing. When Copeland was little, she was told being black would hold her back from being a prima ballerina. "The standard of power is changing," Copeland said.

3. One person can make a difference. Six months ago, no one knew the name Caitlyn Jenner. Now, she is helping millions understand what it means to be trans.

4. Women's stories are important. Reese Witherspoon started her own production company when she realized no movie studio was making movies with female leads. Its first two films, "Gone Girl" and "Wild," proved how much audiences were missing. Now her company has 32 projects in the works that put women first. EMILY LAURENCE

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Conan's Clueless Gamer returns

Conan O'Brien's brilliant "Clueless Gamer" feature returns for a big one: this week's release of "Fallout 4." And to mark the occasion, the host and his trusty gamer guru, Aaron Bleyart, get extra into it with game-appropriate sci-fi uniforms. Of his suit, O'Brien laments, "I look like someone who was asked to leave a Swedish pop group." And as usual, O'Brien can't make it two steps in the game without dying. But at least he gets a German shepherd sidekick!

Shia LaBeouf's latest stunt sounds exhausting

Shia LaBeouf is up to his old performance artist tricks again, this time taking over a screening room at New York's Angelika Film Center for three days to screen every single feature film he's acted in, in reverse chronological order. Today's schedule includes peak Shia, if you're interested in making the trip — admission is free, after all — as he'll be doing the worst of the "Transformers" movies at 6:10 a.m. and his personal attempt to destroy any joy in the "Indiana Jones" franchise at around noon. But the day will pick up as he gets to "Guide to Recognizing Your Saints" around 10 p.m. Or you could show up tomorrow to see his breakthrough, "Holes." But I'm pretty sure he won't be smelling too great by then. You can also just watch online to avoid any offending LaBeoufian odors.

Cameron Diaz selling her West Village pad

Want to live it up in Greenwich Village in the grand style of Cameron Diaz? Well, now you can — and it will only cost you $4.25 million. Perfectly reasonable, right? The spot features two bedrooms, lots of amenities and a funky, green-painted austere kitchen, if you're into that. The remodel job Diaz did on it — giving the property a "healthy dose of Hollywood swagger," according to Elle magazine — was clearly effective, as she bought it for $2.95 million. Not bad.

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Yes, boys will buy girl 'Star Wars' toys

Daisy Ridley's Rey (with BB-8) is not included in the "Star Wars" toy set. LUCASFILM

A couple of weeks ago, I did a little informal poll. I was a guest at Stan Lee's Comikaze Expo, where I had a table and a bunch of panels, including one about feminism. While I was there, I asked kids whether or not they'd buy action figures of the opposite gender. Of course, the girls said yes across the board. What didn't surprise me, but may surprise you and a number of major toy companies, is that the boys said yes as well. Not a single one said they wouldn't buy a set if there were female characters in there. Not. A. Single. One.

Now I recognize that this was me asking kids at a con and is hardly scientific, but ever since the #WheresGamora controversy (leaving Gamora off most of the "Guardians of the Galaxy" merchandise) and #WheresNatasha, where they replaced Black Widow in toy versions of her own scene, I've been asking around. So when I went into Target this weekend and saw a set of exclusive figures from "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" without Rey or Captain Phasma, I let out an audible groan.

In the set was Finn, Kylo Ren, Chewbacca, Poe Dameron, a First Order Stormtrooper and a First Order pilot. It's the same sort of set that Target had for the "Avengers" in which they replaced Black Widow with Ultron. Now look, I know there are Rey and Phasma toys out there. I'm thrilled with that fact. I've bought them all. However, this set shows that they still think boys won't buy anything with female characters. I posted a story about this on social media and was told I was complaining too much. And yet, when I go into Target, I still have to buy most of my geek gear in the men's section. I still hear from women (and men) about how they can't find toys and shirts for their geek daughters. I still hear that "Star Wars" is for boys.

Look, nongendered toy aisles are wonderful, but it appears that they're not changing the way toy companies think. Action heroes come in both genders, and action figures should, too.

JENNA BUSCH

Geek Girl in Hollywood

Jenna Busch takes on the way pop culture snubs its female fans. For more columns, visit metro.us/jenna-busch as well as her site, Legion of Leia (www.legionofleia.com)

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Scott Schuman: Life through a lens

The street style photographer is capturing the world's wardrobe away from planet Fashion in his new book, "The Sartorialist: X."

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Scott Schuman's latest street style book, "The Sartorialist: X," is out now. GETTY IMAGES

It's been 10 years since Scott Schuman, better known to the world as "The Sartorialist," launched his eponymous fashion blog. The 47-year-old's latest tome candidly documents the clothing culture of people from places such as Bhutan and Bali to the four fashion capitals.

"That's always what I wanted my books to be, but when I started, I didn't have any money, and I could only go to places where Style.com or GQ would send me, and that was London, Paris or Milan," explains the New York-based snapper.

Now, making "a little more money," Schuman can jet himself around the globe to show fashion in all its diversity while still finding time for some of his favorite cities, like Milan, where we caught up with him.

How does your new book differ from your previous three tomes?

I think it's my best book so far. It's more diverse — there are photographs from Peru, Dubai, Bhutan, Bali, Mumbai, Varanasi, South Africa, Morocco, plus the traditional fashion capitals [New York, Paris, Milan and London]. … The thing I'm most proud of with this book is that you never know where you are going to be on the next page. The photographs are, hopefully, nice portraits of these people, and their clothes help create the idea of who these people might be.

Do you think street style has changed the face of fashion?

Yes. Before, I think fashion felt a little too elitist. … When we started shooting people in the street, whether they were wearing designer clothes or vintage or whatever, we saw a great variety of people: tall, short, fat, skinny, people with a lot of money, some with very little money — it just made it more realistic.

How has the street style world evolved since you started?

There were always people shooting street style, like Bill Cunningham, but he was focusing very much on New York and a little bit

on Paris. I was the first to do it at an international level and on the Internet — the most modern medium. When I started, there weren't many people doing that. Now there are a lot of people doing this; some do it better than others. I still like my pictures to be good portraits of the people, and the clothes help create the story of who that person might be.

What is your personal definition of style?

One of the most important elements of style is consistency. People who jump around from one thing to another tend to look a bit like a fashion victim because there is no underlying consistency in terms of the way they dress. The people I know who I think are very stylish always look like themselves.

Do you ever shop at affordable chain stores?

Yes, of course. I buy Uniqlo; actually, the jeans I am wearing right now are from the Gap. A lot of girls I know shop at Zara or H&M, but I think they are much better at womenswear than they are at menswear — they are both a bit off the market. They probably jump on trends that I don't really relate to.

Do you own a lot of clothes?

I like clothes, and I think right now we are at a fun moment where the silhouette is being redefined. It's a great time to start shopping again. We can start playing with these new proportions and these new colors. Maybe three or four years ago, it was less exciting to shop — you could do more with less because the look was so clear. Actually, shopping was starting to get a little bit boring. Now the eye is starting to shift, and we have more reasons to buy some new clothes.

Who is the most stylish man you can think of?

It's hard to choose, but Stefano Pilati, head of design at Ermenegildo Zegna — he is a very handsome guy who always looks very chic. There are a lot of stylish men, but I guess I don't usually think about it.

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5 to see at PAAFF

The Philadelphia Asian American Film Fest is showing more than 60 movies this year. We'll help you narrow it down.

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Now in its eighth year, the Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival is going big with more than 60 films from over a dozen countries representing a wide diversity of Asian cultures. The 10-day fest features series focused on food, music and LGBTQ themes, along with a series of free screenings at South Philly community centers commemorating the 40th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Here are a few titles worth checking out.

If you go

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"Aroma of Heaven"

As several interviewees repeat, in America a "cup of Java" is synonymous with coffee. This short doc examines the history and present state of the coffee industry in Indonesia, where some of the most valuable beans in the world are exported while locals drink an unpalatable blend of cheap imported beans and corn.

"Waiting for John"

The residents of the South Pacific island of Tanna are considered the last remaining cargo cult. Documentary filmmaker Jessica Sherry delved into the rituals and schisms of the John Frum Movement, which believes that a mythical white American will someday return with a planeload of bounty.

"Crush the Skull"

Viet Nguyen expands his YouTube short into a feature that combines a comedic heist film with "Saw"–inspired horror when a group of dimwitted thieves stumble into the lair of a demented serial killer. The combo sometimes falls flat, finding the lowest common denominator between the two less-than-highbrow genres, but it's amiable and bloody enough to appease the less discriminating fans of both.

"Jalal's Story"

Bangladesh's official selection for the 88th Academy Awards, this downbeat parable begins with a baby floating down the river a la Moses, though he's not destined for greatness — and ends up back on the water more than once. Director Abu Shahed Emon tackles political hypocrisy, religious hucksterism, persistent superstition and the oppression of women, not always subtly but with grim fatalism and wry humor.

"Don't Think I've Forgotten"

Usually when the subject of a rock 'n' roll doc isn't around to speak on his or her own behalf, there's a tale of fatal excess at the end of the story. Almost the entirety of Cambodia's rock scene is missing from this fascinating doc, however, and like most of the country's history, that scar is attributable to the Khmer Rouge. John Pirozzi's feature is likely the most toe-tapping film you'll ever see on the subject of genocide.

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Stanley Tucci: the new pope is 'extraordinary'

One of the stars of "Spotlight" says it's not an attack on the Catholic Church.

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Stanley Tucci made one of the great food movies (1996's "Big Night") and has even written two cookbooks. But right now all he has time for is an organic protein bar.

"This evening I'll have a martini. Don't worry," he assures us as he powers through a junket for "Spotlight," about the Boston Globe's Pulitzer-winning expose of the Catholic Church scandal in 2002. Tucci doesn't play one of the reporters (who include Mark Ruffalo and Rachel McAdams). Instead he's Mitchell Garabedian, a cranky but dedicated attorney who fought for years, amidst untold frustration, to bring the abuse to light.

In "Spotlight," Stanley Tucci plays Mitchell Garabedian, a disgruntled lawyer passionate about exposing abuse in the Catholic Church. KERRY HAYES

The long-form kind of journalism the Globe reporters practice in this film is going away as newspapers suffer through budget cuts.

It is, and nothing can take its place. John [Slattery, who plays managing editor Ben Bradlee Jr.] pointed out the other night that having cell phones and videotaping things as they happen is really important. But that's just happenstance. It's not the same as someone taking the time and seeing something out and thinking, "I know there's something wrong here," or "There's something right here, and I need to spend the time dissecting it." That takes a lot of effort, a lot of resources, a lot of passion.

Of course there's what they reported itself, which even now hasn't been fully rectified.

The fact that it was a systemic problem that has been going on for decades — for centuries — and the collusion between the perpetrators and the Catholic Church and other outside powers is so profound. They protected all the wrong people — the perpetrators — instead of the children.

What is your history with the Catholic church?

I was raised Catholic, but I'm a lapsed Catholic, for 40 years. Even when I was a kid I just didn't get it, to put it simply. This is in no way to besmirch people who are devout Catholics; it just wasn't for me. But the Catholic Church has done so much good for people over the centuries and good is still being done. I think this new pope is extraordinary. And I think people should in no way see this film as an indictment of the Catholic Church. There were simply a large number of people within the Catholic Church who failed to right systemic wrongs, which is anathema to everything the Church espouses. And it's an insult to the parishioners and to Catholicism as a whole. It's an insult.

Changing times

Even a handful of years ago, "Spotlight" would have been a mid-level Hollywood production. Now it's an indie.

It's the only way you can get these movies done now. Luckily there are always people around willing to put money into them. You know the talent will always be there to sign on. It's really just about getting somebody to write a check and have faith.

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Aries Let go of old, ideas, items or situations that stand in your way. Start anew and pick the direction that will bring you the greatest satisfaction.

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Gemini Focus on one thing at a time. Taking on too much will not accomplish what you hope. Focus on detail, precision and getting things done.

Cancer Discuss what's is bothering you openly in order to resolve matters quickly. A chance to do something unusual should be taken advantage of.

Leo See if you can turn what you have to offer into a moneymaking venture. Short trips will encourage you to do things differently.

Virgo Stop dreaming and start producing, or someone else will steal your ideas. Don't miss an opportunity just because you are afraid to make a move.

Libra Recognize your skills and attributes, and look for a suitable position that will fully engage them. A different approach will result in greater interest.

Scorpio Pace yourself. Express your ideas and present what you have to offer. Improve your personal life by adding a little romance.

Sagittarius Raise your self-esteem by learning all there is to know about something. A career change will help avert negativity and criticism.

Capricorn Call the shots instead of letting someone else take charge. You'll gain respect and recognition if you offer suggestions and hands-on help.

Aquarius Abide by the rules and regulations. You may relish change, but first you have to make a solid platform to build on.

Pisces You'll attract a lot of attention no matter what you do. Participate in events if you want something good to develop. **EUGENIA LAST**

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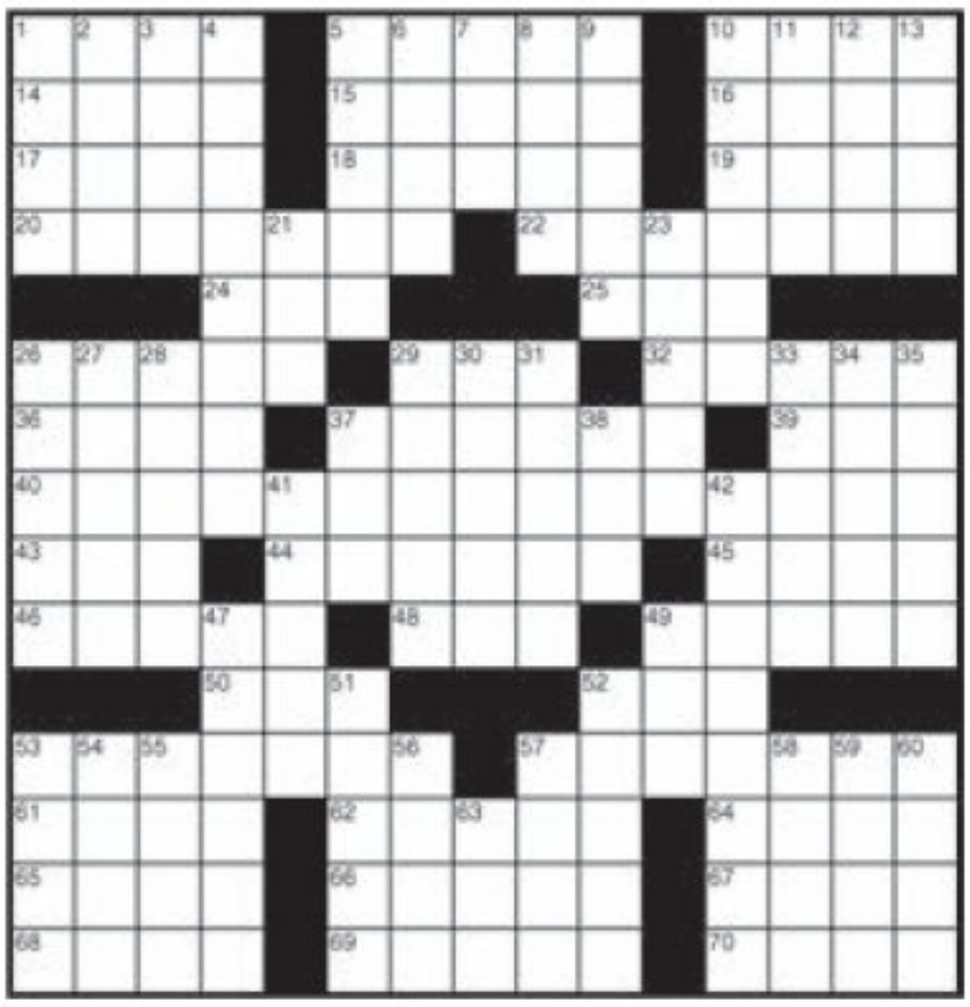

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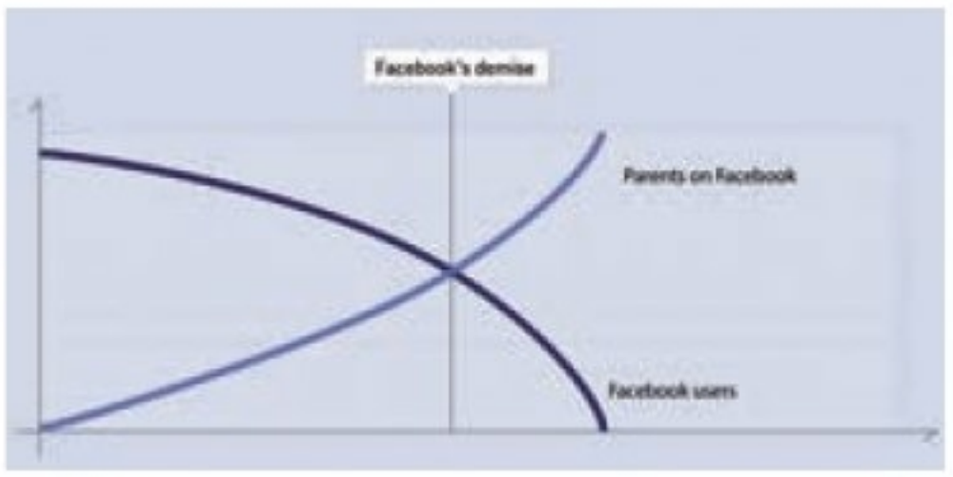

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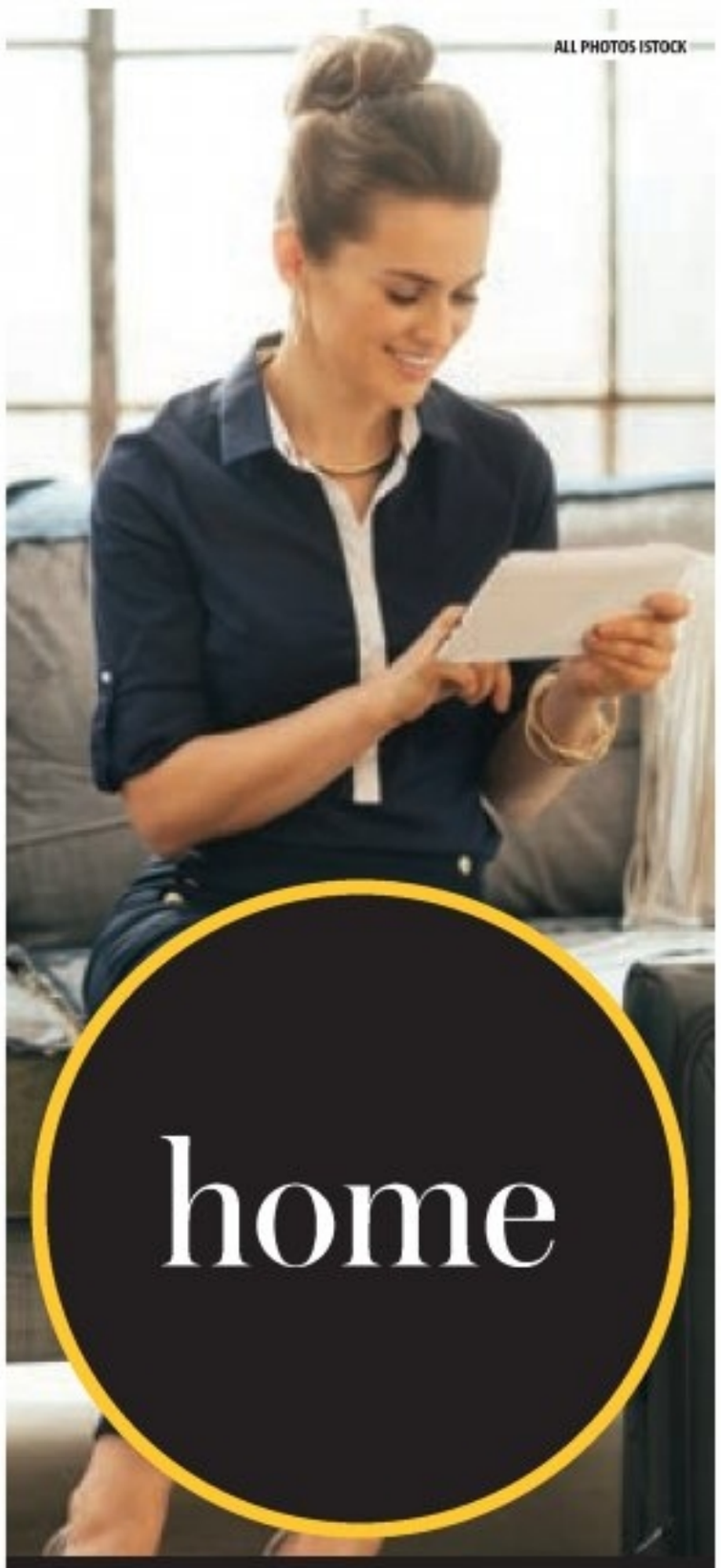

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Holiday guest room 101

Expert advice for making your friends and family feel right at home (or even better).

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A layered bed with lots of pillows and an extra quilt can take care of all your guests' sleeping needs.

There's nothing easy, per se, about hosting Thanksgiving dinner. There are bathrooms to scrub, schedules to work around, gluten intolerances to indulge. But here's the thing: You make dinner all year, and you know how this works by now. Put out a cheesy appetizer and don't skimp on the booze, and things will be perfectly fine, Pinterest tablescape or no Pinterest tablescape. Promise.

Overnight guests, however, can be a little trickier. For that, we called in Karin Sun, cofounder of online home goods company Crane & Canopy, for a little expert advice.

Go big on the bed

You know how great it is to get into a posh hotel bed after a long day of traveling? Treat your guests to the same experience. "Start with luxurious sheets, layer on a duvet cover with a cozy and fluffy comforter and then add a quilt or coverlet at the foot of the bed," says Sun. "Quilts are a new obsession of mine. They are perfect in case your guests get chilly and need that extra layer."

As for the pillows, more is more. "Use a mix of Euro, standard and small designer throw pillows," she says. "I also like to give guests a few different sleeping pillow options since waking up with a kink in one's neck is never fun."

Stay one step ahead

Your guests can't call down to the front desk, so Sun recommends leaving a note with some essential info. "Include things like the login to your wireless Internet, directions to a tricky remote, the location of the hair dryer or iron," she says. "Or, if you know they have a sweet tooth, direct-

Put out some products.

tions to your favorite local pastry or coffee shop."

As for toothpaste, assume they forgot to pack it along with some other necessities. "One of my favorite things to do is to provide a 'help yourself' basket," she says. "Leave basic toiletries, a flashlight, hair dryer, desk supplies and their favorite snacks."

Give them a little space

If your guests are staying the entire weekend, don't make them spend it digging through their suitcases. "Clear out a drawer, make space in the closet and leave empty hangers for them to put away their clothes," says Sun. "If space permits, set up a comfortable chair and create a personal library of newspapers, recent magazines and popular books. This gives your guests a place to relax and get away from the holiday stress."

No guest room? No problem. Even if you're working with a "guest nook," you can still make your friends and family comfortable.

- **Invest in a good air mattress**
Because, really, no couch is comfortable past 1 a.m. "Plan in advance where to move furniture in order to create space for the mattress," says Sun.

- **Banish the clutter**
"Less is better!" says Sun. "Make your guests' space as decluttered as possible so that they have room to spread out."

- **Improvise privacy**
"Set up a room divider for your guests, especially when they are staying in the common area," says Sun.

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Rent battle: Society Hill vs. University City

What will $1,300 get you in two very different neighborhoods?

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Some of Society Hill's older homes have been converted into apartments. REBEKAH NARLI

> *"Rental season is between March and Labor Day. Prices are higher because demand is higher. In the winter, you'll get better deals."*
>
> Jonathan Barach

Whether you prefer historic vibes or something more modern, Philadelphia has options. So what type of apartment will a $1,300 monthly rent budget get you in one of the oldest neighborhoods versus one catering to the next generation?

In Society Hill, with its Colonial homes and a leafy green park that was part of William Penn's original layout of the city, you can find the occasional one-bedroom for less than $1,300, says realtor Janis Dubin of Settle Down Philadelphia, but expanding that budget by a few hundred dollars will open a lot more doors.

"There is a mix of the high-rises around Washington Square and apartments that are a part of walk-ups or brownstones — $1,200 is the bare minimum," Dubin says. "If we make [the rent] between $1,200 and $1,500, you can get a walk-up or a one-bedroom."

She estimates that those one-bedrooms will range from about 475 to 640 square feet. But don't expect many perks on that budget.

It's the historic feel of the neighborhood that's often the deciding factor, Dubin says: "Some of our clients can't stand the new modern architecture," says Dubin. "In Society Hill, even though a lot of it was cleared in the 1960s and built with contemporary style, people still go there because it's historic and charming."

Across the Schuylkill from Center City, University City is pushing to become more modern. It is, of course, home to a large student population.

"Closer to campus, students will spend $500 to $700 per bedroom," says realtor Jonathan Barach of The Barach Group. "In the newer buildings, you're looking at $1,500 to $1,700 for a one-bedroom apartment, but that's top of the line."

Barach says that rental prices change depending on the time of year as well.

"Rental season is between March and Labor Day," says Barach. "Prices are going to be higher because demand is higher. In the winter, you'll get better deals. That's throughout the whole city."

But if someone wants to stick to a rent budget of around $1,300, they're in luck — depending on where they're willing to be. Barach says that $1,250 will rent an updated one-bedroom apartment of approximately 550 square feet, but you need to be looking a little farther away from the college campuses.

"There is a lot of stuff being built on the commercial side of things," Barach says of the neighborhood. "There are new restaurants opening. It's its own little town now and there's a lot more to do."

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What's up next for former Union CEO?

The recently departed leader of Philly's MLS team hopes to stay in soccer.

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The future for Nick Sakiewicz, the former CEO and operating partner of the Philadelphia Union may seem uncertain since leaving the organization as CEO in September. However, there are some good reasons to speculate that Sakiewicz will likely continue to push on a three-decade quest to help soccer in this country go mainstream.

He may be perceived as hard driving but Sakiewicz still remains the only man in this country to build two soccer-specific stadiums, first Red Bull Arena and then in 2010 with PPL Park, the Union's home. After being part of a small group that helped launch the league in 1996, Sakiewicz went on to be one of a handful of men to be thrice nominated for MLS Executive of the Year, winning the award twice.

In Philadelphia, he founded and launched Major League Soccer's 16th expansion team which has become one of the league's most visible franchises, building an iconic 18,000-seat soccer-specific stadium that nearly reached an all time high half a million fans in 2015.

"I am very proud of the eight years I spent with the Philadelphia Union and have no regrets whatsoever. The team of people that was put together to run the business was the best and most committed group I ever had and combined with an amazing dedicated fan base we realized the dream of getting the stadium built and a team launched all in the face of a severe recession and under challenging financial situations," Sakiewicz told Metro last week in his first comments since leaving the Union.

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NICK SAKIEWICZ LEAVES THE UNION AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH IN REVENUES, TOPPING $23 MILLION. THIS IS A DOUBLE-DIGIT INCREASE OVER 2014.

Now with the sport growing faster than ever, Sakiewicz might just find himself in demand. In fact, it could be a bidding war as new teams pop up around North America and some existing teams continue to climb an uphill battle with ticket and sponsorship revenue needing help. Another landing spot for Sakiewicz may be at leagues outside of MLS which are also growing and looking to capture a piece of the growing soccer landscape.

MLS continues to expand, some will say too fast, and the league could certainly do with someone who has seen the launching of two first-year teams (the Tampa Bay Mutiny in 1996 and then the Union in 2010) as well as someone with a proven track record of building two soccer-specific stadiums. He does have those two gold shovels after all.

"I have 21 years invested in MLS and very proud to have played a small part in growing the game in America. While I would love to stay involved in MLS and continue the great work we started 21 years ago, there are a lot of opportunities in soccer as well as other sports and leagues," Sakiewicz said. "I believe the knowledge and experiences I've gained over the last two decades would be valuable within growing MLS or other soccer teams and leagues around the world as well as within other sports and leagues. Right now I'm open to any and all opportunities and evaluating everything."

Former Union CEO Nick Sakiewicz helped see the team through its first six seasons of existence, and through many growing pains. GETTY IMAGES

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NFL power rankings | by Luke Miller

No. 1

Patriots (8-0)

The bad news is Dion Lewis is out for the season. The good news is the Patriots have no shortage of weapons as LeGarrette Blount and Brandon LaFell both put up 100-yard days in Week 9. As long as No. 12 is back there, the Patriots will be fine.

No. 2

Bengals (8-0)

The best start to a Bengals season ever keeps on rolling. A year ago Andy Dalton finished a 24-3 loss in Cleveland against the Browns with a 2.0 quarterback rating. Thursday night he threw three touchdowns, no interceptions and had a rating of 139.8, a season high.

No. 3

Panthers (8-0)

Carolina's victory at home over Green Bay was a big step toward ensuring any possible rematch would also be played at home. After Sunday's win, the undefeated Panthers sit two games clear of any other NFC team in the race for home-field advantage.

No. 4

Broncos (7-1)

It would have been nice to do it in Indianapolis, but Peyton Manning will have to wait at least another week to break Brett Favre's career win and career passing yards records. The Broncos' first loss shouldn't be too worrying, although the run game fell back into its early season woes.

No. 5

Cardinals (6-2)

The Cardinals got to pick up a half game in their division without even playing, as the Rams lost to Minnesota. Now a victory next week will let them gain a full one on Seattle and stay within striking distance of the Panthers in the race for the best record in the NFC.

No. 6

Vikings (6-2)

The Vikings are 3-0 in the division and, suddenly, after two Green Bay losses, tied for first place. Teddy Bridgewater passed the first test in concussion protocols, his availability will be huge for Minnesota as they try to extend their stay at the top. Two huge games against the Packers loom ahead.

No. 7

Packers (6-2)

Outside of a furious fourth-quarter comeback, this week marked two straight unimpressive games for the Packers. They still can't run the ball, and they just let a horde of Carolina receivers make big plays. Facing the Lions next week should help right the ship.

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No. 8

Steelers (5-4)

Ben Roethlisberger was injured Sunday and will miss 1-2 weeks. But the Steelers put themselves in a good position to survive this drought as they did their last one with a big win.

No. 9

Raiders (4-4)

They lost, but the Raiders are answering the big questions each week. They're going toe-to-toe with their competition in the mid-pack of the AFC.

No. 8

Rams (4-4)

The Rams have signed Wes Welker, and that may be an admission that they need some offense besides Todd Gurley, as the rookie was held below 100 yards for the first time.

No. 11

Jets (5-3)

Ryan Fitzpatrick appears able to effectively man the ship while dealing with his hand injury, so that's a plus. Chris Ivory turned in a dismal day on the ground in the win.

No. 12

Seahawks (4-4)

This secondary, allowing the second fewest passing yards per game will face the offense putting up the fourth most when Arizona comes to town this Sunday night.

No. 13

Colts (4-5)

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No. 14

Eagles (4-4)

The Eagles dragged their division record back to 2-2 after an 0-2 start, and avoided a season sweep by the Cowboys. They host the lowly Dolphins next.

No. 15

Falcons (6-3)

They went 1-3 in their last four games with losses to New Orleans, Tampa Bay, and San Francisco. This bye couldn't come at a better time for Atlanta.

No.16

Bills (4-4)

With Tyrod Taylor healthy, they can focus on two big upcoming division games: at the Jets this Thursday, and then a trip to Foxboro on Monday Night.

Best of the rest

- **17 — Chiefs (3-5):** With no Wild Card contenders above 5-4, the Chiefs dismal start doesn't appear to have ruled out a playoff berth.
- **18 — Saints (4-5):** New Orleans has allowed 721 yards and 10 touchdowns through the air in their last two games, compared to 892 yards and 10 touchdowns by Drew Brees.
- **19 — Giants (5-4):** The New York defense came up big against the Bucs, allowing zero touchdown passes a week after allowing seven from Drew Brees.
- **20 — Bears (3-5):** Jay Cutler's two touchdown passes in Monday Night's win makes him the franchise's all-time leader.
- **21 — Dolphins (3-5):** Miami fell to 0-4 in their division after their loss to the Bills this past week. Ryan Tannehill couldn't find the end zone for the second straight week after throwing for six TDs in Dan Campbell's first two games as head coach.
- **22 — Redskins (3-5):** The schedule stays tough for Washington with the Saints and Panthers due up next.

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For Wildcats, it's

Josh Hart and the 2015-16 Wildcats are eager to put their devastating early exit in last year's NCAA Tournament behind them. GETTY IMAGES

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March or bust

The eighth-ranked Wildcats have more to prove this postseason than in the regular season.

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According to the schedule, Villanova opens the 2015-16 season Friday night at the Pavilion against Fairleigh Dickinson.

Don't believe it.

As far as anyone who follows the Wildcats is concerned, their season won't really begin until mid-March, specifically the date of what would be their second NCAA Tournament game. Yes, that's the one that advances the winner to the Sweet 16, a bitter gap on Nova's résumé of late.

Anything prior to that is basically part of a 30-or-more-game "preseason." And they know it.

"We get judged on losing in the second round of the tournament," admitted Jay Wright, who needed most of the summer to get over last year's 71-68 gut-wrenching loss to North Carolina State, which wrecked the East's top-seeded 'Cats 33-3 season. "We know that, but everything we talk about is what we did consistently over the year and what we have to do this year to be that good of a team again. We don't expect anyone else to look at it that way, though."

That may be harsh, but after back-to-back second-round pratfalls as a No. 1 or 2 seed — falling to eventual champion UConn in 2014 — it's reality. As much as Nova accomplished last season —winning the Big East regular-season and tournament championships — all anyone remembers was NC State.

So now, with two starters returning — guard Ryan Arcidiacono and center Daniel Ochefu — along with valuable holdovers Josh Hart, Phil Booth and Kris Jenkins, plus freshman sensation Jalen Brunson, the 'Cats are set to begin the long road back.

Wright can only hope the November-through-February portion of their schedule, goes as well as last year.

"It is a definitely challenge," said Wright, who lost Darrun Hilliard and JayVaughn Pinkston to graduation, while Dylan Ennis transferred to Oregon. "There are a lot of pitfalls. We lost arguably our three best defensive players. We could be a really good team. It's not just replacing the three great players we lost but it's the younger guys stepping up."

Sixth-man Hart, the second-leading scorer (10.1) behind only Hilliard, figures to be the best of that bunch, blending offensive skills with great athleticism. Jenkins, who provided a bench spark with his 3-point shooting, now may be called upon to do that from the start.

Booth, who shot 56 percent from the floor and drew comparisons to Randy Foye, does a little bit of everything. And 6-foot-8 Daryl Reynolds, who saw only limited duty as a freshman, should have more of an expanded role, giving Nova extra size against bigger teams.

But from all reports as skilled as they are, to go with the grit of Arcidiacono and shot-blocker Ochefu, the player everyone will be watching this season is Brunson. Son of former Temple star and NBA journeyman Rick Brunson, the kid from suburban Chicago should make his presence felt almost immediately.

Not that Wright, who sees him much like Arcidiacono, wants to put too much on his shoulders right away.

"He's really unusual," Wright said. "He's like a left-handed Arch. But he knows Villanova basketball. He's followed it. He came in doing the things we do already, just like Arch did. That's rare."

As a veteran team last season, Villanova stormed through the Big East, the Big 5 and non-conference opponents VCU, Michigan and Syracuse before running into the Wolfpack in the tournament. While the pain from that one still lingers, the only way the Wildcats can gain a chance for redemption will be maintaining the same kind of level.

Of course, once the tournament gets underway, it's anybody's to grab. Tempting as that is, Wright doesn't want his players thinking about it. He wants their minds on FDU, followed by Nebraska next Tuesday.

The message seems to be getting through.

"We know the expectations other people have for us," said Hart, a strong defender and solid rebounder despite being just 6-foot-5. "But the only thing that matters is our expectations."

Then, following all the preliminaries, they'll finally get to March Madness and the start of the season.

"We are not going to listen to all the outside chatter. The only thing that really matters at the end of the day is how we measure up to them."

Villanova head coach Jay Wright

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